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Washington, D.C. 20231

Boston, Massachusetts

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This amendment is in response to the August 16, 1999, Office action in the aboveidentified application. No fee is believed to be due. Should any fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference 17810-049, CTI-49 DIV1).

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 7 as follows:

A culture medium for proliferating mammalian neural stem cells, the media comprising cell viability and cell proliferation effective amounts of the following components:

(a)

a standard defined basal medium:

a supplemental carbohydrate, wherein the carbohydrate is present at a concentration between 0.2% and 1.0% weight/volume (w/v);

a supplemental buffer, such that the pH of the culture medium is between pH 6 and pH 8;